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Colonel Herman Beukema  
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Dear Colonel Beukema:

I was very glad to receive your interesting letter of 23 April and the enclosures detailing the Academy's offerings in the field of the Social Sciences.

You seem to have a program which can produce from among the exceptional students who have a genuine interest in the field, Army officers who will be able to fit very well into the Government's total intelligence picture. The value which this has in a period of increasing collaboration between the Services and the non-military parts of the Government in the formulation of national policy is, I am sure, very apparent to you.

I should be very glad indeed to get the detailed profiles of the sort which you send to General Gruenther. We have a long-standing agreement with the Secretary of Defense that we will not proselytize from among the recent graduates of the Service Academies. In those instances, however, in which the Agency has a specific need for an officer for a limited assignment, we have been allowed exceptions to the rule. In that connection such a listing would be welcome.

Thank you again for your cordial letter. It was a pleasure to be with you at West Point.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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